

AURICLE

SSOMA Negotiations With Dennis Turnbull re the Clinical Clerkship Stipend

This past summer the student section of the Ontario Medical Association, working with the Ontario Federation of Medical Student Societies (OFMSS) conducted negotiations which resulted in the clerkship stipend paid to fourth year students being raised from \$1600 to \$2000. However, the clerks in other provinces are eligible for government grants as well as a stipend, so their total grant considerably exceeds what we receive. The average assistance for the other provinces is \$4315. Manitoba is lowest with \$3150 and BC is highest with \$5900. Compared to these figures, Ontario's \$2000 is rather pathetic.

Greg Bailey and Anne Curtis, from the SSOMA, met with Dennis Turnbull on Mon Oct 6 to present these figures and discuss the financial situation of Ontario medical students. At this meeting we used the figures quoted and the results of the SSOMA Financial Need Survey conducted last winter. These results showed:

| | respondents | income | expenses | shortfall |
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| Final Year | 17% | \$2350 and \$1500 stipend | \$5794 | \$1944 |
| Total- all years | 41% | \$3871 | \$5500 | \$1629 |

Mr. Turnbull informed us that the stipend will rise to \$2500 as of July 1, 1981. As this new figure still leaves us lagging behind the other provinces we are continuing negotiations. We intend to have the results of a new Financial Survey with us at our next meeting with Mr. Turnbull in January. These surveys will be distributed to all the classes in the next 7 to 10 days. Please make a point of filling one out. When our figures are based on responses from the majority of students we are in a much stronger bargaining position. We need your support to negotiate affectively on your behalf.

For an annual fee of \$11 medical students can become members of the OMA. For this fee, they receive a monthly copy of the OMA Journal and a copy of the CMA Journal every two weeks. They also get all the newsletters which are sent to practising physicians. It's a great way to become aware of the political and professional issues which will shape your life once you get into practise. Membership applications will be distributed soon-join the association and find out what the issues are. Your reps are:

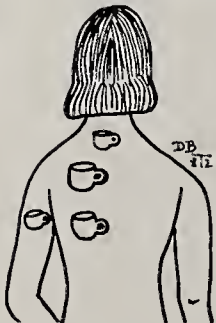
Anne Curtis 8T2 Vice Chairman, SSOMA

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Don Baumander's Spot Diagnosis

A seven-year-old female walks into your office complaining of a painful left shoulder, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. On examination, you notice signs of puberty and the following dark-brown macules.

Diagnosis?



"Forgive me Mrs. Whitloughly for continuing to address you as Mrs. Berlows. As you know psychiatry is an inexact science."

Submitted by Paul Salo 8T2

Old newspapers are sad.

Have you ever had occasion to look through old newspapers? Certain characteristics stand out from any age, including our own.

Almost invariably, newspapers present bad news. So why do people read them? Perhaps the mild rush of epinephrine that one gets from worrying about bad news is stimulating enough to turn sedentary people into news junkies.

Even more interesting is the observation that the modern world has always been full of people who run around like decapitated chickens, worrying about the latest crisis. But, and here's the rub, no matter how hard we worry, the more there seems to be to worry about.

Fortunately, it works the other way too.

What I suggest is a "Throw Away Your Newspaper Week"

Monday: Make Up a Song Day.

-make up an original song (don't worry about how long or how good it is) and sing it to someone else

Tuesday: Look At the Sky Day

-lie on your back in a soft place and look at the sky for at least ten minutes

Wednesday: Hug a Tree Day

-find yourself a nice tree and let yourself go

Thursday: Hug a Person You Have Never Hugged Before

-this should be easy if you've worked your way up from a tree

Friday: Look at Yourself In the Mirror Day:

-find a quiet place, look yourself straight in the mirror and, if possible, tell yourself "I love you"; this is much harder than you might think.

Readers of the world, throw away your newspapers. You have nothing to lose but your pains.

Come flirt with filaria, swim in schistosomiac streams and laugh at the penance of malaria. Yes, once again your Medical Society brings you an exotic topic. Monday Oct 27 from 12:30 to 1:30 Dr. J. Keystone from the TGH tropical disease unit will present "Have Worms Will Travel"- a kaleidoscope of Medicine in the tropics.

Dr. Keystone will present an educational slide show focusing on his many years spent working in Medical facilities in the tropics. As 8T2 and 8T1 will testify Dr. Keystone is an excellent speaker; his talk should prove to be fascinating. Hope to see you all there.

Fred Anderson, Barefoot Doctor, Med. Soc. Lecture
Series Chairman



THE SPORTS PAGE

by Sheldon Shaul

The Mens A and B Basketball Teams have been assembled and the B team, led by Lax the Unmerciful, made its debut, unfortunately in a losing way. this past Monday. Coach Lax feels very positive about this team's potential.

This report found its way to the Sports Desk:

"On Sunday the Meds Coed Broomball Team, Hypertension, water-hammered Landscape Architecture 3-0. Goal scorers were Lyall Gorenstein, Al (King) Kovacs and Sam (Bam) Backlin. In one game this team tripled last year's season point total-look for great things in the future."

Next Thursday, the 8T2 Blades, in a game of consequence, meet the Barbarians. The Blades are out to avenge their loss of last year.

Now over to A1: "the 8T4 Muff Divers showed poise and toughness on winning their fourth game of the season. Their record is 4-1. Led by Bob (Red Skelton) Ebsen, the Diver's defence has been awesome lately. This team stands ready to wallop the 8T3 team, this Friday at 1:00, and dares any 8T2 team to face them." Only time will tell.

Until next week, semper ubi sub ubi.

Answer to Don Baumander's Spot Diagnosis:

Albright's Syndrome (Fibrous Dysplasia associated with precocious puberty and Cafe au Lait spots).

Quote of the Week:

third year lecturers speak too quickly